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Ques 3 Life must be understood backward.

But it must be lived forward.

Ans.

'who are you, O' Human,
If not for clay to be moulded'

- By: ?

Let us travel back to 1820s,
it is a tough time to be a woman.

One is supposed to remain behind
Purdah (curtain), and the practice of
Sati is rampant. Society frowns upon
the idea of widow Remarriage and
exploitation makes life not worth living.

Enter Raja Ram Mohan Roy,
who with his constant efforts is able
to bring change into the minds of
the people along with many forward

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thinkers of his time.

Fast-forward to 2020-, these issues have been minimized if not eliminated and we have to work together to resolve current issues for further betterment of society.

Experience helps us learn our mistakes from past and helps us to rectify them, only to hope for a better and 'the perfect' future.

In this essay, we shall aim to unravel aspects of human life from the prism of Religion, Technology, Economics, Wars, Nation and Society. We shall understand the aspect of evolution and decipher the never-ending

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tendency of humans to LIVE ON.

The Opium of Masses

Religion allows the human beings to ascertain 'a way of life' and is an important factor of Socialization.

It is supposed to maintain peace and preach order for betterment.

Parochial interpretations have given rise to communalism and communal rights. India has seen ^{her} ~~the~~ ~~fair~~ share of deaths. We have suffered the happenings such as Direct Action Day (16 Aug. 1946) and Partition of 1947; which has affected India-Pakistan relations forever.

If the tenets of every religion

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are interpreted correctly, it can surely lead to communal harmony. The recent visit of Pope in Iraq bears testament to religious harmony playing part in peace and prosperity.

Technology : Harbingers of Prosperity

Ever since Graham Bell invented telephone and Wright Brothers flew their plane, the world hasnot looked back.

We live in the age of Internet which has globalised the world in true sense. It has effectively reduced distance factor in communication and enhanced connectivity.

No place in the world is more than 24 hours away, thanks to aircraft. Not only people to people ties have been

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boosted, trade has found a dependable catalyst in Aircrafts & Internet.

With the onset of Industry 4.0 and technologies such as Blockchain, Nanotechnology; Humans are moving towards a new era of prosperity, reducing inequalities.

Economics: Ever present Factor

Economics is probably the biggest factor affecting human lives.

The downturns during Great Depression 1929, Global Financial Crisis 2008 led to loss of jobs of millions of people. It has crumbled economies on national scale.

A similar phenomena came up during COVID-19 Pandemic and the world saw shutdowns, loss of jobs, etc.

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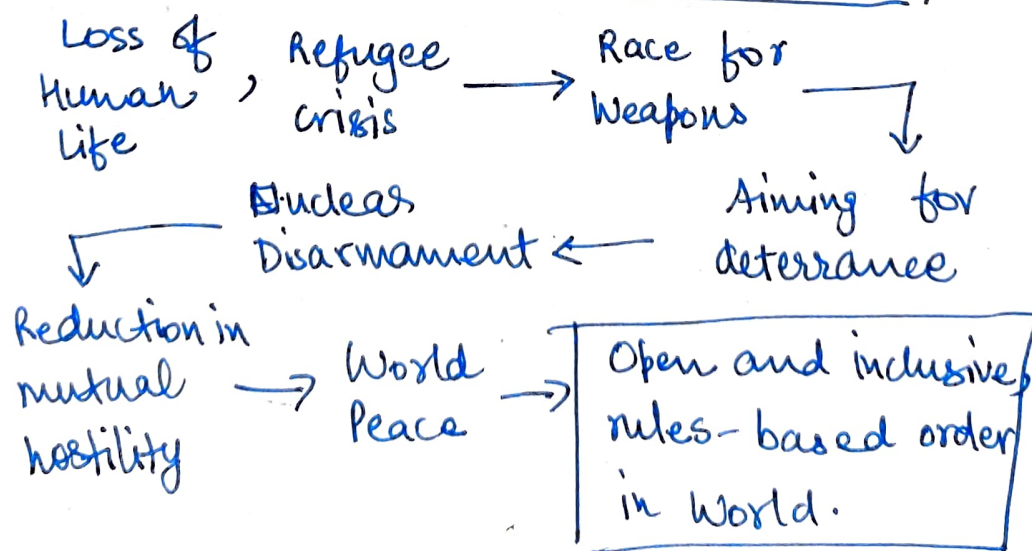
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Indian economy contracted 24.5% in just one quarter (Apr-Jun 2020).

But we bounced back quickly, witnessing V-shaped recovery. The world learnt its lessons and adequate fiscal stimuli were given to kickstart the economy.

Issues remain, like contraction in jobs, fall in salaries, etc. But humans are putting their best foot forward to overcome these issues.

Wars : Bane to Human Existence



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This is a dream! But one is not Alive if he doesnot work to make his dreams come true.

The world has seen deadly wars (World Wars I, II ; Indo-Pak Wars) that led to large scale loss in human lives.

The effect of Weapons of Mass Destruction including Bio-Chemical , Nuclear Weapons have instilled horrors forever.

The Nuclear Bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki made Japan renounce war forever. We saw deterrence and fear of losses led India and Pakistan to practice restraint during 2019 buildup. We saw India - China resolve their situation through talks.

So much so, issues remain but we are witnessing a paradigm shift in policies of nations to not use

Examination

NAM.
NPT

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war as a tool.

Democracy : Virtue of Nations

India struggled for many years to realise the dream of independence. Finally, it aspired to embark ^{on} ~~of~~ the journey of being a democratic republic.

We did witness authoritarian regimes, where executive & legislature experimented to undermine democracy. But Judiciary stepped in to uphold the principle of Checks & Balances, bulwark of Democracy (as seen in Kesavananda Case)

Indians are now free and equal, to aspire to realise their dreams. We have learnt our lessons from our past, and we move forward to allow our nation to function as

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World's largest Democracy.

Society: A home outside home

centuries of oppression
depressed a large faction of our society.
History taught us that practices of
discrimination, seclusion, Sati Pratha
makes a society orthodox and set
for implosion.

With reforms and onset of
Urbanism, we live in a free society
which is not only inclusive but also
participative. Gig economy has removed
social barriers and we now do not
ask for someone's caste, gender, religion;
but area of specialization.

The evils of society have
been removed by acceptance of widow
remarriage, women empowerment, etc.

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The society now progresses to be more inclusive, as seen in cases of LGBTQ+ community. A more inclusive society is a more progressive society and we move forward with the ideals of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas".

The pit of repetitive mistakes

Humans do have a tendency to repeat mistakes from past, and even fall into the pit where others have already fallen.

We still face challenges in the form of idea of Racial Purity leading to Honour killings. ~~these~~ Human rights are still violated, free speech

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and dissent are still undermined.

People are still discriminated based on race, religion, caste, etc. as seen in Black Lives Matter Movement.

But the ever-close human community finds its way to work through these problems and show solidarity.

Living forward, looking backward

Humans are in the process of evolving as a global community. The ideas of secularism find ground across the globe.

Technological innovations occur at a fast pace. We can now grow pest resistant crops (Bt-cotton), amputated limbs can be replaced with bionic ^{parts} ~~parts~~, ideas spread in a matter of seconds, bringing us ever closer.

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India can now play its role in taking humanity forward and realise the ideal of 'Vasudeva Kutumbakam',

~~and~~ Humanity works its way through the problems and lives on to lead a better, sustainable and inclusive future.

Where the mind is free,
Where the head is held high,
Into that heaven of freedom,
Let my country awake,
Let the humanity awake...

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Q6 Human Rights are women's rights, and women's rights are human rights.

Ans.

Aquaint yourselves with seema, married to Sahil and living with her in-laws. Seema works at a MNC and today, just got promoted to post of Vice-President.

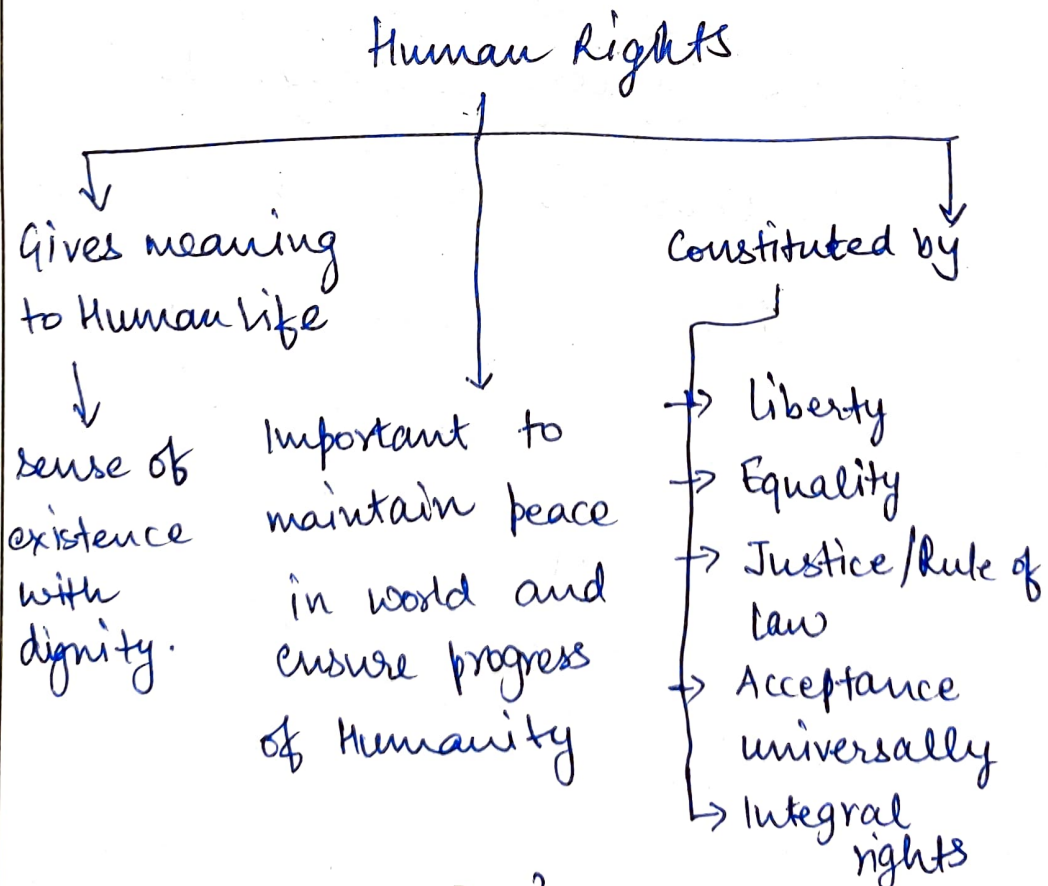
She reaches home at 9 PM and her Mother-in-law immediately asks her to go for grocery shopping. She looks for her husband, who is playing videogames. Upon enquiring, her mother-in-law tells her authoritatively that ^{only} She has to go for household chores.

Seema feels dejected and remorseful. Her situation represents the stereotypes present in our society and

how men & women are treated unequal

In this essay, we shall throw light on how women's rights are an important part of Human rights and give suggestions to bring a paradigm shift in the society.

Human Rights : The Tenets of Humanity



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Women : More than half of humanity

Statistically, men outnumber women. Historically, women have been suppressed and exploited. Consequently, women have been experiencing a 2nd class status.

Women have an all encompassing role to play for humanity.

As a :

- Mother → she raises good human beings
- Partner → shares half of life's journey
- Daughter → gives sense of family
- Worker → sustains this world

Women, ~~are~~ the fabric that hold this world together and figuratively, represent more than half of humanity.

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Ever present Challenges

1. Women have not been accorded the equal status in society.
2. They face domestic violence in homes.
3. They are considered as 'Paraya Dhan' a burden to be shifted to other family.
4. Not given chances to fulfil education
5. Face stereotypes : Chosen for Pink collared Jobs , face Glass Ceiling at work , considered physically weak.
6. They are not paid equal to their male counterparts at jobs.
7. Face heinous crimes such as Rape, Sexual Harassment at public places, workplaces, ~~at~~ families, etc.

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All these challenges undermine rights of women and subject them to a demeaning life. If we are to enforce Human Right, of course, we have to pay extra attention ~~to~~ ^{to} Women's rights

Equality, will give them parity for meaningful existence in life.

Justice, will empower them to participate more in human activities.

Liberty, will set them free to be human.

The quality of life will improve and not just for women, for everyone related to them. Children will get better care, society will get better participation, men will get better

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emotional support and hence, humanity will find oblivion.

We have seen how examples of women voicing for themselves have led to change in society. Javitsibai Phule worked very hard to educate women and ^{for} their empowerment and subsequently, we saw women participating more in society.

Kiran Bedi, India's first IPS Officer, set an example of honesty and integrity. She plays a role model for many aspiring women finding their place in society.

To support women and their cause, government has taken

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several steps, as discussed:

1. Gender Budgeting of certain programmes to cater to needs of women.
2. legislations against Domestic Abuse and Sexual Harassment.
3. Promotion of Self Help Groups for their economic 'Aatmanirbharta'.
4. Easing access to credit facilities.
5. Financial Inclusion via Jan Dhan Yojana, facilitating Direct Benefit Transfers into their bank accounts.
6. Recently, Haryana Government launched 'Pasivar Pehchan Patra' Scheme where women are treated a head of family.
7. Installation of CCTV cameras at vulnerable public places.
8. Schemes such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao; Selfie with daughter, etc.

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The efforts of the establishment has been equally supported by the society from grassroots level.

A Paradigm Shift in Mindset

1. There has been acceptance of widow remarriage, which was considered as an ill historically.
2. Divorce is being normalised. ~~and~~ Women are being considered as a separate entity, not attached to males.
3. Recent Panchayat elections in Kerala saw more than 70% women being elected.
4. We are seeing increasing participation of women in sports. PV Sindhu, Saina Nehwal, Geeta Phogat, Smriti

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mandhana lead by example.

End of the tunnel : Long Journey

Considerable progress is being made, we see women leading many corporates. But there is a lot of ground which is yet to be covered

1. To ensure quality development at an early stage, we may increase their legal age of marriage to 21.

This will bring parity with men, give them a better chance to develop mentally, physically; and allow them to pursue higher education.

2. Reservation in Jobs may be provided so that women can be made financially independent.

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3. Female labour^{force} Participation Rate (FLFP) remain abysmally low at 25%.

Including them will give humanity extra hands to grow and prosper.

4. New generations need to be sensitised via education so as to bring overall change in mindset.

5. Not only will labours productivity be increased, a whole ~~the~~ section of humanity, hitherto unrepresented, shall be empowered.

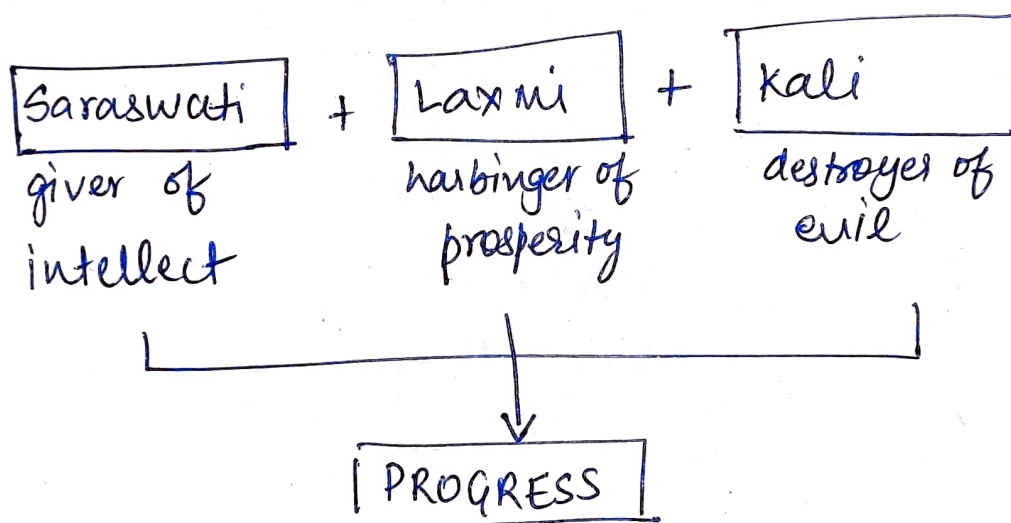
Inclusive World, Proper Humanity

A global change needs to be in order. A more inclusive world will ensure humanity rediscovers its tenets.

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Much fascinated by the ideas of democracy, humanity needs to understand that true democracy cannot be achieved unless all sections are empowered.

Women play an all encompassing role.



Only when the blessings of these three virtues combine, humans will find meaning to their existence.